The Bombay Gazette.

No 9,701—New Series. BOMBAY :—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1879.

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED)
WILL DESPATCH STEAMERS AS FOLLOWS :—

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. ORIENTAL, 1,481 Tons, on SATURDAY, 27th Dec., 1879, at 3 P. M., calling at Rutnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Coompta, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Beypore, Calicut, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Madras, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Gopalpore, False Point, Pooree are called at in the foregoing or any order.

Conveyance to the Nilgherry Hills.—The steamers are timed to reach Beypore at daybreak, and arrangements have been made for a train to leave Beypore specially in connection with the steamers' arrival to convey passengers right through to Metapolium, where they will arrive at 7-45 P. M., and after spending for the night can proceed up the Ghat early the following morning.

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

S. S. PUNJAUB, 1,080 Tons, on THURSDAY, 25th Dec., 1879, at 4 P. M., sailing at KURRACHEE, GWADUR, MUSCAT, JASK, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, and BUSSORAH, in the foregoing or any order

FOR CUTCH MANDAVIE AND KURRACHEE.

S. S. VINGORLA, 578 Tons, on MONDAY, 29th Dec., 1879, at 10 A.M.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ, ALGIERS AND LISBON.

S. S. JAVA, 1,465 Tons, on TUESDAY, 13th January, 1880, connecting at Aden with S. S. PATNA, 1,760 Tons.

Saloon passage ..... Rs. 200
Second Class passage 135

The Patna is due in London about 19th February. Transfer at Aden made by Company. The Patna carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

FOR NATAL, MOZAMBIQUE, ZANZIBAR, ADEN, HODEIDA AND JEDDAH.

S. S. JAVA, 1,465 Tons, on TUESDAY, 13th January, 1880. Cargo and Passengers for Hodeida and Jeddah can be sent by this steamer at through rates. A favourable opportunity of passage to Natal is offered as the Union Company's steamer is timed to leave Zanzibar for Natal within 24 hours of Java's arrival.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Bombay, 22nd December 1879. Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY VIA SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA on the 26th, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each Month,

PASSENGERS' RATES FROM BOMBAY.
(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class,	2nd Class,	3rd Class.
Aden	Rs. 220	Rs. 150	Rs. 40
Suez	260	220	80
Port Said	280	240	90
Messina	500	340	140
Naples	500	340	140
Leghorn	500	340	140
Genoa	500	340	140
Marseilles	580	350	145

Including Wines and Without Food.

Children under 2 years, free of charge; Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Passengers' heavy Baggage will be delivered in LONDON FREE of CHARGE to the extent allowed in the Handbooks. All extra Luggage will be charged for at rates which can be learnt from the Agents.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY :—
SINGAPORE, to sail on WEDNESDAY, 24th December, 1879.
ARIMIA, to sail on THURSDAY, 1st January, 1880.
SUMATRA, to sail on SUNDAY, 1st February, 1880.
PERSIA, to sail on MONDAY, 1st March, 1880.
ARIMIA, to sail on THURSDAY, 25th March, 1880.
SINGAPORE, to sail on THURSDAY, 1st April, 1880.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The steamers of this Company, as a rule, start precisely at 10 a. m. Any unavoidable detention will, however, be advertised at least one day previously.

First and Second Class through Railway Tickets, from NAPLES to LONDON are now issued here at rates which can be learnt from the undersigned.

Cargo for Barcelona and Odessa, can now be booked at through rates.

For Road-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Subsettino Steam Navigation Company
No. 2, Hummum Street

Bombay, 21st November 1879.

HALL LINE.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE S. S. SPEKE HALL 2,700 Tons, 400 H. P., Captain BRAND, will sail as above on or about the 31st January, 1880.

Passage Money, Rs. 500.

For place of Saloon and Cabins, or other particulars, apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 19th December 1879.

ANCHOR LINE, INDIAN SERVICE.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL AND BOMBAY TO MARSEILLES.

THE following sailings have been arranged :—

BOMBAY TO MARSEILLES.

	Tons.	H.P.	Capt.	
INDIA	2,369	600	READ,	on or about 2nd Jan.
CASTALIA	2,200	424	CRINGLE,	do 31st Jan.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.

ITALIA	2,345	424	KNOX,	on or about 21st Jan.

To be followed at intervals.

FARES :—Bombay to Marseilles ..... Rs. 400
„ Bombay to Liverpool ..... „ 500

For further particulars apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 18th December 1879.

STEAM TO COLOMBO.

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S S. S. WORWÄRTS, Captain G. MARUSSIG, will be despatched for COLOMBO on the 30th December, 1879.

The same steamer will leave Colombo for Bombay about the end of December.

For particulars about rates of single and return passages apply to

J. JANNI,
Agent, A. H. Lloyd's S. N. Co.
Sassoon House, 7, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, Nov. 27, 1879.

BALL LINE OF STEAMERS.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL. FARE—Rs. 500.

S. S. WISTOW HALL, CAPT. T. COLLIN. 2,674 Tons, 400 H. P.

THIS STEAMER will be despatched on or about the 31st December.

Her Saloon and Cabins are all on Deck.

For further particulars apply to

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 1st December 1879.

HOUSES TO LET.

ON THE WESTERN SEASHORE at VERSOVA, 16 miles from Church Gate Station, 2½ only off the Railway at Andheri, SITES for BUNGALOWS may be obtained. Including interest on outlay for residence, rent, rates, taxes and the cost of First Class Ticket for daily travelling between Church Gate and Andheri, cost estimated at Rupees Twenty-five a month. Apply to

F. MATHEW,
Lessee of Versova Foreshore.

HOME AND EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN OF PARENTS RESIDING IN INDIA.

A FRENCH Lady, the widow of an English Gentleman (F. R. S.), just deceased, is prepared to TAKE CHARGE, and, with the assistance of two daughters, superintend the education of TWO or THREE CHILDREN whose parents reside in India or elsewhere abroad.

The advertiser resides in a large house in the best part of St. John's Wood, and from the fact that the French and German languages are thoroughly understood and constantly spoken, the family can offer educational advantages rarely met with.

First class references given and required. Terms from £100 a year for each child. Address X. Y., care of Dr. Waring, 49, Clifton Gardens, London, W., or in the first instance to G. B. CBY, Eastern Telegraph Company, Bombay.

THE VIEGAS SLIP COMPANY LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION.)

THE LIQUIDATORS of the above Company invite OFFERS in writing for the PURCHASE of the IMMOVEABLE and MOVEABLE PROPERTY, Plant and Stores of the Company, situate at Managon, or any portion or portions thereof.

Abstract of Title can be seen at the office of Mr. Jamsetjee Cursetjee Cama, No. 2, Meadow Street, Fort. For further particulars apply at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 70, Bazaar Gate Street, Fort.

The Liquidators do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any offer or to receive any offer later than NOON of WEDNESDAY, the 31st of December 1879.

By Order of the Liquidators,

NOWROJEE COWASJEE,
Secretary to the Liquidators.

Bombay, 29th November 1879.

"EUREKA."

SPECTACLES AND EYE-GLASSES.

NOTICE.—Early in December I shall visit Bombay for a few days only, when I can be *consulted free* on all cases of diseases of the Eye and defective sight.

In the meanwhile I have made arrangements with my Agents, Messrs. FAVRE, LEUBA and Co., to supply Free on application the second edition of my pamphlet, "HOW TO PRESERVE THE SIGHT," which fully explains the construction of the eye, the defects of vision, and how they can be properly remedied, &c., &c.

Due notice will be advertised of the date of my arrival.

N. LAZARUS,
5, Old Court House Street, Calcutta.

FAVRE, LEUBA Co.,
Sole Agents for Bombay.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other Steamers will be despatched for EUROPE :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1880
(c) TEHERAN	2989	400	A. R. Johnson	3rd Janv.
(c) CATHAY	2382	450	R. Harvey	10th do.
ZAMBESI	2431	370	A. Symons	17th do.
(c) PERSIAN UR	3781	600	C. A. White	24th do.
SURAT	3141	530	W. E. Breese	31st do.
(c) KHIVA	2609	450	G. Lee	7th Feb.
TRAVANCORE	1900	350	R. Scott	14th do.
(c) KAISER-I-HIND	4023	700	R. Methven	21st do.
VENETIA	2726	450	J. Orman	28th do.

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON by every Mail. The Steamers marked (c) proceed direct to Southampton. By the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

For Passage, &c., apply to

ADAM TAIT,
Bombay, 26th November 1879. Acting Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	
GEELONG	1835	280	E. Stewart	23rd Dec. 1879
NIZAM	2725	450	A. E. Barlow	6th Jan., 1880
THIBET	2592	400	J. H. Torbock	20th do.
LOMBARDY	2722	450	H. Wyatt	30th do.
ANCONA	3081	600	E. G. Stead	13th Feb.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

For Passage, &c., apply to

ADAM TAIT,
Bombay, 9th December 1879. Acting Superintendent.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY, CALLING AT GALLE.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	
ASSAM	3032	600	N. Stewart	2nd Jan. 1880
TANJORE	3263	450	W. W. Fentiman	31st do.
BANGALORE	3243	450	C. Fraser	14th Feb.
SIAM	3014	500	G. N. Hector	28th do.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

For Passage, &c., apply to

ADAM TAIT,
Bombay, 26th November 1879. Acting Superintendent.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
CAPITAL,
TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

FIRE RESERVE FUND ... £261,444
Fire Premiums after deducting Re-insurances .. } In 1870 ... £139,808 „ 1873 ... £295,149 „ 1877 ... £450,883

POLICIES issued and CLAIMS promptly paid without reference to Head Office, by

KILLICK, NIXON & Co.,
Agents.

SALES BY AUCTION.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & COMPANY.
AUCTIONEERS.

AUCTION SALE of fancy glass-ornaments in great varieties fit for presentation during the Christmas Holidays.

ARTICLES NEVER BEFORE IMPORTED IN BOMBAY.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction THIS-DAY, TUESDAY the 23rd inst., sale to commence at 2 P. M., at their rooms, rich collection of fancy glass ornaments.

A consignment just received containing the following the following :—

Frosted, changing colour, decorated glass writing, smoking, dinner and toilette requisites, such as breakfast, cruet, soy, pickle, egg and scent frames, toilette mirrors and boxes, jewel boxes, cups and baskets, inkstands single double, treble and quadruple, memo blocks, pen racks, erasors, spoons, paper weights, statues and busts and many other varieties.

A collection of samples of toys.
1 case Ess. Lemon Peel.
1 case Ess. Lemon scent.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.

Bombay, 23rd December 1879.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON AND COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY AT SECOND COOMBARWADA STREET.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, by order of the Mortgagee Lalljee Kutchra, and on account and risk of Purshotum Mooljee Mortgagor, the following landed property :—

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground together with the messuage, tenements or dwelling-house, hereditaments and premises standing thereon, situate, lying, and being in the sub-district of Bholeshwar, fronting second Coombarwada Street on the East side thereof, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 36, and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 754, 2,32:, 1,790, 1,954, and 1,789, containing by admeasurement 567 square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows :—

On the East by the sweeper's passage, on the West by the said second Coombarwada Street, on the North by the house of Lowar Dhunjee and Ramjee, and on the South by the house of Coomar Heerjee Haridass.

For further particulars and condition sale apply to the undersigned,

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE of Wines, Brandy, Flour, Glass Shades and miscellaneous Marine Stores.

Messrs. MENESSE and Co. have received instructions to submit to Public Auction on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 P.M., in the P. and O. Company's Dockyard, Mazagon

A quantity of wines, such as burgundy, claret, still hock porter, Exshaw and Martell brandy.

A few barrels of flour and salt pork.

Also a quantity of marine stores, such as scrap and hoop iron, canvas, old chains, manilla ropes, bunting manilla hawser, hide wheel rope, Peacock's composition, blue paint, house line tarred and white India-rubber sheet, leather boats, glass high shades, argand bottoms and globes, moon globes, looking glasses, piano, &c., &c.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required when the lots are knocked down.

Purchasers will have to pay customs duty and other charges and clear the goods.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, Dec. 26rd, 1879.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

On SATURDAY, the 3rd January next, at 2 p.m., Messrs. BENNET and Co., will sell by Public Auction at their rooms by order of the concerned and on account and risk of Ramaljee Currimbhoy.

E.-O.—16-18, 3 cases bladders lard and cheddar cheese, ex-Surat.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 23rd December 1879.

WANTED.

WANTED, a MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR, young, active, and possessing a knowledge of sanitary arrangements, who should read and write English and Marathi. Applications accompanied with testimonials will be received until 31st instant. Salary Rupees 50 per mensem.

COOVERJEE CAVASJEE,
Chairman, Thana Municipality.

Municipal Office, Thana, 11th ecember 1879.

W. NICOL & CO. AND FLEMING & CO. IN LIQUIDATION.

CREDITORS are hereby informed that a FIRST DIVIDEND of FIVE per CENT will be PAID on application on and after 13th January next.

W. M. MACAULAY, T. H. MOORE, } Trustees.

24, Apollo Street, Bombay, 20th December 1879.

FOR SALE.

A SINGLE POLE TENT, 24ft. Square, with 4 foot Verandahs all round, complete with Chicks, Durries, &c., &c., in very good order. Price Rs. 400.

Two Strong Dark Bay POLO PONIES, 12-1, both believed to be sound, not shod. One carries a lady. Both are very fast. If taken together Rs. 80, singly Rs. 50 each. Apply to

A. STEWART,
A. C. Forest, H. A. D., Berar, Akola.

NOTICE.

ATTENTION of the OWNERS of COTTON PRESSES in the TOWN and ISLAND of BOMBAY is drawn to Sections 9 and 10 of Act VII. of 1878.

APPLICATIONS for RENEWAL of LICENSES for 1880 should be sent in before the 23rd of this month to the Office of the undersigned.

W. R. PRATT.
Acting Commissioner of Customs, Opium and Abkari.

Bombay Custom House, 13th December 1879.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE Public are reminded that FIRST, SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH CLASS RETURN TICKETS are issued between Bombay, Kalyan, and intermediate Stations at a FARE and A HALF for the DOUBLE JOURNEY and are available for return on the day of issue or the following day or if issued on a SATURDAY on the following SUNDAY or MONDAY.

First and Second Class Return Tickets are issued between ALL OTHER STATIONS at a SINGLE FARE and A HALF for the DOUBLE JOURNEY, available for return on any day WITHIN TWO MONTHS of the date of issue.

HOLDERS of RETURN TICKETS are allowed to BREAK THEIR JOURNEY either way as often, and for as long as they like provided they do not travel MORE than ONCE in the SAME DIRECTION, and that they arrive, on the return journey, at the Station from which the Ticket was issued within two months.

Further information can be obtained at Stations or from the office of the undersigned.

For the convenience of Passengers from BOMBAY for NARELL, KHUNDALLA and LANOWLI on WEDNESDAY NIGHT, the 24th instant, an EXTRA MIXED TRAIN will leave Boree Bunder ..... 10 0 p. m. (Railway time.)

Byculla	10-25
Tanna	12-0 Midnight.
Kalyan, dep	2-20 a. m.
Narell, arr	4-0 a. m.
Khundalla, arr	7-12 a. m.
Lanowlie, arr	7-30 a. m.

First, Second, and Third Class Passengers will be booked by this train.

E. W. KEILY,
Acting General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, the 20th December 1879.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE, BOMBAY.

PROPRIETOR.....Mr. C. S. NAZIR.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF H. E. THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY,

THIS EVENING, AT 9 O'CLOCK,
The Charming Comedy, by the Author of "Caste," entitled

"HOME."

Mr. Dorrison	Mr. A. B. Tapping.
Colonel White	Mr. H. R. Teesdale.
Captain Mountraffe	Mr. J. S. Hewitt.
Bertie Thompson	Miss Edith Wilson.
Mrs. Pinchback	Miss Agnes Birchenough.
Dora Thornhaugh	Miss Gertrude Doré.
Lucy Dorrison	Miss Madge Antoinette.

"THE SERF," ON WEDNESDAY.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Stage Box to admit 8	Rs. 32
Private Box to admit 4	„ 16
Orchestra Stall	„ 4
Stall	„ 3
Pit	„ 2
Back Seat	„ 1

Boxes and Orchestra Stalls can be reserved at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co., Rampart Row.

Doors open at 8-30 ; performance commences at 9.

Stage Manager ..... Mr. H. R. TEESDALE.
Musical Director ..... Mr. A. J. LEVEY.

NOTICE.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO, per S.S. WISTOW HALL, are hereby informed of the Steamer's ARRIVAL from LIVERPOOL, and are requested to present BILLS of LADING and to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS without delay.

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Bombay, 22nd December 1879. Agents.

S. S. TEVIOT, Capt. NESBIT, from LONDON.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO by the above steamer are hereby informed of her ARRIVAL, and are requested to TAKE DELIVERY AT ONCE of their respective GOODS, failing which they will be landed without further notice at the expense and risk of the concerned. No responsibility for the condition of the Goods will be acknowledged after they leave the steamer's side, and no CLAIM of any kind will be PAID without bearing the Captain's counter-signature.

McCULLOCH, BEYTS & Co.,
Agents, S. S. Teviot.

POSTAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that with effect from the 1st January, 1880, the business connected with the ISSUE and PAYMENT of MONEY ORDERS both INLAND and FOREIGN will be TRANSFERRED from the Treasury Department to the POST OFFICE. The rules and conditions applicable to the issue and payment of Money Orders will be found in Section XV. of the Postal Guide of December, 1879.

2. Forms of applications for Money Orders may be obtained from any Post Office.

3. Money Orders issued by the Treasury Department prior to the 1st January, 1880 will be payable by the Treasuries on which they are drawn and not by the Post Office.

E. R. DOUGLAS,
Offg. Dy. Director General of the Post Office of India.
Calcutta, the 11th December 1879.

LETTS'S DIARIES FOR 1880. Charges very moderate.

ATMARAM SAGOON & Co.,
Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

ILLUSTRATED AND ELEGANTLY BOUND BOOKS for presentation just imported.

ATMARAM SAGOON & Co.,
Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

XMAS NUMBERS, ANNUALS AND ILLUSTRATED ALMANACS for 1880 received and new ones imported by every overland Mail.

ATMARAM SAGOON & Co.,
Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS AND PICTURE BOOKS in large quantities and varieties to be had.

ATMARAM SAGOON & Co.,
Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS supplied on most favourable Terms, and with great Regularity and Punctuality. Lists sent on application.

ATMARAM SAGOON & Co.,
Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

BETEL NUT,
OR
SUPAREE TOOTH PASTE,

GIVES Strength and Health to the Gums and Teeth, and imparts a fragrance to the breath.

Per Pot As. 14.

B. S. MADON AND CO.,
CHEMISTS, &c.,
12, MEADOW STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

SCHWEITZER'S
COCOATINA.
Per Tin Re. 1-0 and Re. 1-12.

B. S. MADON AND CO.,
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
12, MEADOW STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that WALTER MANSON, formerly Executive Engineer of Surat, in the Bombay Presidency, but late of No. 38, Talbot Road, Bayswater, in the county of Middlesex, a Major in the Royal Bombay Engineers, died on the 3rd day of July, 1879, and LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION of his ESTATE and EFFECTS having been granted throughout the Presidency of Bombay were, on the 8th day of December, 1879, GRANTED by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to PRYCE WREDON, Esq., partner in the firm of Messrs. Grindlay, Groom and Co., Bombay, one of the constituted Attornies of MARY SOPHIA MANSON, the widow of the abovenamed deceased. ALL PERSONS having any CLAIMS against the Estate of the said Walter Manson are required to send in particulars of the same in writing WITHIN ONE MONTH from the date hereof to us at our office at 13 Rampart Row, within the Fort, Bombay, at the expiration of which period the said Administrator will REMIT the ASSETS of the estate to the widow of the said deceased in England and no claims subsequently will be recognised, and all persons being INDEBTED to the said estate are requested to pay their debts to the said Administrator within such period.—Dated this 22nd day of December, 1879.

SMITH & FREERE,
Attornies to the Administrator.

COMMISSARIAT.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at 1 p. m. in January next at the Executive Commissariat Offices marginally noted and on the dates fixed against each for contracts as specified for 1880-81.

Bombay	Hired Buggies, &c., and Ramallaze, under Schedule No. 32	On 14th January, 1880.
Bombay, Poona, Ahmednugger, Belgaum, Ahmedabad, Deesa, Mhow, Neemuch, Nusserabad, Kurrachee, Hyderabad	Ghee, Rice, Salt, &c., under Schedule No. 39	On 16th January, 1880.
	Butter, Milk, Chickens, and Egg, under Schedule No. 30.	On 19th January, 1880.

FOR SUBORDINATE STATIONS.

Bombay and Deolali, Satara, Poona for Poorandhur, Malegaon, Deesa for Abu, Rajkot, Ahmedabad and Baroda, Mhow for Indore, Assirgarh, Nusserabad for Taragarh	Provisions, Grain and Medical comforts, under Schedule No. 3.	On 20th January, 1880.

Forms of Tenders and Schedules, with further particulars, can be had on application at either of the above offices.

A. PHELPS, Lieut.-Col.,
For Acting Commissary General.

Commissary General's Office, Bombay, 15th December 1879.

SCOTT & CO., M.R.C.V.S.,
VETERINARY SURGEONS.

HORSE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES Rs. 10; Examination and Verbal Opinion, Rs. 5; Horses standing at livery on Commission sale, Rs. 35 per month including horse-keeper. Commission on Horses bought and sold, Rs. 17. Up-country commissions towards buying and selling of horses will meet our best attention. Horses broken to single and double harness, in the yard, [single Rs. 14, double Rs. 30.] The Horse Shoeing Forge is under the management of a thoroughly practical English Farrier and every class of shoeing done.

HORSES ON COMMISSION SALE.

A thorough-bred entire Waler, "Kingsley," 4 years, 15-1, with good pedigree, suited for the turf. Rs. 1,400.

A pair of well-matched powerful dark bay Waler Geldings, 5 and 6 years old, 15-3 high, broken to harness and step well together. Rs. 2,000.

A well-bred bay Gelding, 6 years old, 15-2 high, broken to saddle and harness, would make a first charger. Rs. 1,000.

A dark bay Waler Gelding, 5 years, 15-1 high, a fine mover in single and double harness. Rs. 750.

A pair of bay Arab ponies, 4 and 5 years, 13-3 high, go well together and are very pretty, both ride. Rs. 800.

A chesnut Gelding, broken to saddle and harness, and a good fencer. Rs. 750

A very handsome powerful grey Arab, 5 years old, 14-2½ high, has been through a cavalry riding school and is good in all his paces. Rs. 1,000.

A handsome chesnut well-bred Waler mare, 5 years, 15 hands, a splendid hack and thoroughly good in all her paces. Rs. 600.

A handsome and high-caste bay Arab, 6 years, 14-3 high, a free mover with pleasant paces, has been regularly ridden by a lady. Rs. 750.

Girgaum Veterinary Stables, Bombay, 23rd December 1879.

FINE BORDEAUX CLARET.

Bottled, Capsuled and Labelled under PRACTICAL EUROPEAN SUPERVISION at the Company's Wine Cellars, Byculla. Unquestionably the best value in this market.

In cases of 1 dozen..Cash Rs. 10.

TREACHER AND COMPANY, Ld.,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

BRANDIES.

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FINE OLD PALE COGNAC (Treacher's celebrated Heart Labelled), pure, soft, and delicate, per dozen	30 0
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MONDAY EVENING, 22ND DEC. 1879.

WHAT with mail work and the approach of the holidays, business to-day has been quiet in the extreme and movements all round are scarcely worthy of notice.

The home telegrams of Saturday evening show no change of any kind in every quotation, whether for stocks or produce being the same as last reported.

The Bank of Bombay return for the week ending on Saturday shows the following changes :—

Public Deposits at H. O.	Inc.	Rs.	12,37,630
Do. Branches	Dec.	,,	2,50,127
Government Securities	Inc.	,,	1,93,951
Loans	Dec.	,,	5,02,428
Bills Discounted	Dec.	,,	3,75,601
Cash with Correspondents	Inc.	,,	80,816
Cash and Currency Notes	Inc.	,,	20,48,388

This further large increase in the Cash Balance again due in great part to diminished trade requirements, marks more distinctly than ever the fact that funds have been laid down here in anticipation of our busy season a long way in excess of actual demands. At any other period of the season we might fairly have anticipated a reduction in rates of discount, and although this is not to be expected at present, there can, we think, be little doubt that we shall have easy money until produce begins to come forward very freely. With the accounts we are now receiving regarding the Omrawuttee Cotton Crop this is not likely to be the case yet a while, probably not until February, and in the interval there is, therefore, every reason to expect not only cheap money, but easy exchange.

EXCHANGES.—With no alteration in the value of Silver in London, and nothing of a special character from Calcutta, rates for sterling bills have remained practically unaltered. If anything there has been more disposition shown to buy both ready and forward, but on a mail day this tendency does not come with quite its full force, and in all probability to-day's weakness will only be really apparent to-morrow. We quote :—

Bank Bills, on demand	Is. 8 7-32d.	per Rupee.	
Do. 3 months' sight	Is. 8 11-32d.	,,	
Credits 3 ,, ,,	Is. 8d.	,,	
Documents 3 ,, ,,	Is. 8 9-16d.	,,	
France 3 ,, ,,	2-16	,,	

On Calcutta we still quote demand drafts at 1-16 per cent premium, 60 days' sight at ⅛ per cent discount.

GOVERNMENT PAPER continues very weak. No buyers of any amount have come forward and rates are quite nominal at :—Fours, Rs. 92½ ; Fours-and-a-half, Rs. 101.

THE SHARE market is steady but not active. Bank of Bombays are ¼ per cent. firmer at Rs. 686½. In Land Companies there is no change ; and in Press shares the only movement is an advance of Rs. 5 in Berars. Spinning and Weaving Mill shares are firm, but he only movements quoted are an advance of Rs. 70 in Alliance, Rs. 10 in Manockjee Petit, and Rs. 5 in Oriental.

COTTON to-day has been sluggish with very little doing. Some little demand has been apparent at slightly under Saturday's prices, but sellers have not only shown no disposition to give way, but if anything, have asked rather higher rates and very little has been done in consequence. We quote :—

Good Hingunghaut January	Rs. 248	per candy.	
,, Oomra March	,,	224	,,
,, Broach ,,	,,	237	,,

SEEDS are quiet but firm at previous prices for everything except Gingelly, which is the turn dearer owing to the demand for December shipments.

FREIGHTS are steady but quiet. For Liverpool quotations are nominally unchanged at 40s. to 41s. 3d. for early shipment, but shippers seem disposed to hold off now that the Wistow Hall and Teviot have arrived both fixed to load for this port. Genoa and Marseilles and Trieste and Venice are firm but unaltered.

PIECE GOODS are steady, the clearances from the bazaar being at the rate of about 300 packages per diem. Rates are unaltered and dealers very firm, but up-country buyers after their previous liberal purchases seem inclined to hold off somewhat unless they can get in at lower than current rates. Local Goods are unaltered, but for Yarns a rather better enquiry is again apparent and prices tend in sellers' favour.

COALS are quiet and no fresh business is reported.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Banks.	No. of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Divi-dend.	Cash Rates per Share.
		Rs.	Rs.	p. a.	
Agra Bank	100,000	100	all	6 p.ct.	124
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	4 do	740
Bank of Bombay	80,000	500	all	5 do	686½
Bank of Madras	60,000	500	all	3 do	640
National Bank of India	37,320	625	212-10	6 do	703

PRESS COMPANIES.

Akbar Cotton Press Co.	150	5,000	28,500	150 p.a.	550
Albert Kurrachee Co.	200	2,000	1,100	125 do	965
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all	10 do	500
Apollo Press Co.	750	2,750	2,200	32 p.a.	540
Bellary	178	1,000	all	25	470
Berar Company (New)	155	500	all	50 p.a.	440
Indian Press Co.	1,000	250	all	14 do	60
Broach Cotton Co	400	250	all	10 do	38
Darwar Co.	1,000	1,500	all	75 do	50 nl.
Dhaba Press Co.	500	1,250	all	40 do	350
Dhollera P. & G. Co.	800	500	all	15 do	150
East India Press Co.	333	1,000	all	100 do	990
Fort Press Co.	50	5,000	1,250	50 do	800
French Press Co.	800	500	all	50 do	440
Mofussil Press and Ginning Co.	1,125	400	all	30 do	230
Prince of W. Press	120	...	1,500	250 do	165
Sassoon's Press Co.	600	500	all	25 do	235
Bird Press Co.	400	250	750	0 do	430
Bind & Punjaub Cotton Press Co., Ld.	100	1,000	925	125 do	1,100 xd.
Victoria Cotton Gin and Press Co	150	850	all	50½	500
Volkart's United Press Co.	1,850	1,000	1,000	50 p.a.	510

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Alfred Manufacturing Co.	1,000	500	all	Rs. 15	400
Alliance Spinning	500	2,500	all	30 p. a.	1,300
Anglo-Indian S. and W. Company	80,000	10	10	Nil	60
Bhownuggur M. and P. Company	500	2,000	2,000	do	300
Bombay United	800	1,000	all	25	735
Cooria S. and W. Co.	1,000	1,000	all	do	500
Central India S. and W. Company	2,500	500	all	do	565
Dhurumsey Spinning	3,000	2,000	all	do	225
Empress S. and W. Co.	700	1,000	all	do	400
Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	all	do	815
Hindustan S. & W. Co.	873	1,000	all	60	810
Hydrabad S. and W. Co.	700	1,000	2 00	Nil	535
Jeevraj Balloo Mills	740	1,000	all	do	650
Khandesh Spinning	750	1,000	all	Rs. 30	895
K. Muccunjee S. & W. Co.	1,000	1,000	all	do	475
Kurla Spinning	800	1,000	all	do	600
Madras U. Spining	423	1,000	all	50 p.a.	1,260
Manchester & Bombay S. and W. Co.	80,000	50	50	Nil	7
Manockjee Petit's	2,500	1,000	all	30 p.a.	1,070
Morarjee Spinning	1,043	1,000	all	40 p.a.	855
Mungoo S. and W. Co.	2,000	5,000	..	Nil	70
National S. and W. Co. of India	925	1,000	all	40 p.a.	650
Oriental	4,000	625	all	15	545
Princess Wales Spinning	600	1,250	all	Nil	70
Ramoon S. & W. Co.	1,500	1,000	all	do	630
Soondarjee Spinning	650	1,000	all	do	610
Do do. 4 Share	500	1,000	250	do	120
Sholapore S. and W. Co.	500	1,000	all	30	740
Victoria Mills	450	1,000	all	Nil	475

For Share for the half-year

LAND COMPANIES.

Colaba Land Co. (New)	4,000	5,000	all	15 pa*	895
Prare Land and Plan Co., Limited	7,500	150		4 p.a	115
Mazagon Land	1,750	2,000	1,000	20 p.a	350
Mott Canning Company, Limited	3,000	1,400		15 p.	177½

For Share for the half-year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES LIQUIDATION.

Albert Mills	400	2,000	1,700	Nil	nominal
Alexandre S. and W. Co.	2,250	425	all	do	
Bombay Hempand Jute Mill Company	2,000	500	all	do	
Broach Mills	..	..	..	do	
Colaba S. and W. Co.	600	1,000	all	do	
Fleming S. and W. Co.	2,750	500	all	do	
Mandvie S. and W. Co.	1,250	500	all	do	
Meriad S. and W. Co.	..	..	..	..	
Nicol Press Manufacturing Co., Ld.	600	2,000	all	do	
Nursey S. and W. Co.	2,500	400	all	do	

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	..	£20	21⅝	5 p. ct	305
Do New £20 shares	..	£20	13 9-16	do	26
Ditto	..	£20	6⅝	do	72
Ditto	..	£20	31-12½	do	23
B. B. and C. I. Ry. Co.	..	£100	1,000	do	1,103
Ditto New Shares	..	£18	19⅝	do	265

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bombay Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	225 p. a.	1,750 xd.
Bombay Fire Insurance Co.	150	10,000	2,000	250 p. a.	2,700
Bombay Gas Company	50,000	50	all	7½ p. ct.	58
Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co., Limited	1250	100	100	10 p. a.	110
Bombay Saw Mills Co.	800	1,000	all	70 p. a.	460
Bonding and Shipping Co., of Kurrachee, Ld.	..	500	300	36 p. a.	300
Malabar Company, Ld.	1,000	200	100	7½ p. ct	12
Mechanical Buildings Co.	1,000	500	all	p. a.	16
Mofussil Debenture	1,000	500	300	..	315
Prince of Wales Insurance Company	250	9,000	1,000	85 p. a.	900
Shearer and Co., Ld.	1,000	100	100	10 p.ct.	112
Treasher and Co.	1,000	500	all	62½ p. a.	655
Vegas Patent Slip Co.	1,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	150

BANK OF BOMBAY.

STATEMENT of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay on the 20th December as compared with the statement issued on the 13th December :—

Liabilities	13th Dec. Rs.	20th Dec. Rs.
Proprietors' Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund, invested in Government Securities	22,00,000	22,00,000
Public Deposits at 11 Head Office	37,88,007	50,25,637
Do do. at Branches	14,43,330	11,93,703
Other Deposits	1,97,13,408	2,02,13,110
Post Bills	12,482	12,482
Cash Credits, undrawn	4,90,665	4,77,777
	3,76,58,392	3,91,22,709
Assets.		
Government Securities	28,65,319	30,59,270
Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper, Bullion, and Merchandize	13,12,841	13,19,053
Do. do. Security of do.	50,76,477	51,74,049
Current Accounts, overdrawn	5,919	6,421
Bills Discounted	1,03,39,109	1,00,13,508
Branches	2,948	2,930
Head Office	Rs. 5,48,861	
Amount applied as reduction	2,05,000	
	3,53,861	3,38,431
Bullion	21,000	43,500
Cash Balances with Government		
Do. do. with other Banks	3,17,809	4,03,625
Cash and Currency Notes	1,67,08,285	1,87,86,923
	3,76,58,392	3,91,22,709

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s CHANDA, 1,304 tons, Captain C M. Day, sailed yesterday for Alleppey, in ballast.

THE BRITISH s. s. SIDONIAN, 843 tons, Captain R. [C. McFee, will sail to-day for Genoa, Marseilles, via Kurrachee, with a general cargo.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. BYCULLA, 1114 tons, Captain W. R. Mason, sailed yesterday for Rangoon, via Cochin and Singapore, with a general cargo.

THE BRITISH s. s. ARROW, 130 tons, Captain J. Baker, which arrived in harbour on the 21st inst., from Mandvie (19th December), brought a general cargo and one hundred and thirty-six deck passengers.

THE BRITISH STEAM SHIP JENNY OTTA, 941 tons, Captain G. R. Parris, which arrived in harbour on the 20th inst, from Shields, (17th November), brought a cargo of 1,240 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

THE BRITISH STEAM SHIP TANTALLON, 1,310 tons, Captain J. Rutter, which arrived in harbour on the 20th inst., from Newcastle, (15th November), brought a cargo of 2312 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Sir C. Forbes and Co.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. ORIENTAL, 939 tons, Captain G. J. Russell, which arrived in harbour on the 21st inst. from Coast and Calcutta, brought a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Kingsley, Lt. Barton, Mr. Brown, two Serjeants, one private, one woman, four children, and twenty deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. PUNJAUB, 685 tons, Captain R. Mitchell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo, sixty-four horses, and the following passengers :—Major G. Sartorius, Dy. Surg. Genl. Franklyn, Surg. Major O. R. Hall, Mrs. Joseph, Mr. Abdoola bin Moola Raje, one native lady, ten second class, 70 deck and 754 lascars of the steam ship Agra.

THE HALL LINE s. s. WISTOW HALL, 1,729 tons, Capt. T. W. Collin, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool, 23rd November, via Malta and Suez, with the following cargo :—2,623 packages piece goods, 252 bales twist, 27 cases brandy, 19 bundles copper 4,589 plates spelter, 316 kegs nails, 3 packages glassware, 33 packages salamoniac, 50 packages earthenware, 38 packages colour and paint, 500 cases soap, 400 kegs sulphate of copper and 19 bundles coppers. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Edward, Bates and Co.

THE BRITISH S. S. TEVIOT, 1,262 tons, Captain W. C. Nisbett, arrived in harbour yesterday from London via Malta, Port Said, and Suez, with Mr. Braman as a passenger, and the followings cargo :—781 packages beer, 46 bales twist, 107 cases cologne, 119 cases brandy, 970 packages wine and sprit, 31 packages piece goods, 426 cases geneva, 3,100 cases candles, 9,513 cakes spelter, 11 packages medicine, 596 packages oilmanstores, 84 packages glassware, 127 packages whiskey 358 packages papers, 1,109 casks lead, 24 packages nutmegs, 35 cases matches, 258 kegs nails, 70 cases slates, 20 cases marbles, 200 casks green copperas, 261 packages paint and colour, 6 packages earthenware, 555 packages oil and many packages merchandise and railway materials. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. McCulloch, Boyts and Co.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
22	Punjaub (s)	Mitchell	Bussorah, Dec 7.
	Wistow Hall (s)	Collin	Liverpool, Nov 23.
	Teviot (s)	Nisbett	London, Nov 19.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
22	Umballa (s)	Nailer	Kur. and Kattywar.
	Sumatra (s)	Briscoe	Venice, &c.
	Byculla (s)	Mason	R. via C. & Singapore.
	Chanda (s)	Day	Aleppy.

The following vessels obtained their port clearance yesterday :—Steamer Sidonian, McFee, for Genoa, and Marseilles.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—Steamer Teviot, for Liverpool.
Steamer Punjaub, for P. Gulf via Kurrachee.
Steamer Arrow, for Cutch and Coast.
Wistow Hall, for Liverpool.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.			
18	Busheer (s)	James	Sandoway, Dec 13.
	Macleod	Welsh	Cardiff. July 14.
	Rosalie	Natal	Natal, Oct. 10.
	Constance	Fryce	Port Blair, Dec 4.
	Larkan	Hogland	Port Elizabeth, Oct 26.

DEPARTURE.

Dec. 18.—Ships Panmure, Veimera. Barque Star of Denmark.

PASSENGERS.

Per Busheer—Messrs A G Companai, B F Duncan, E D Williams, H Morison, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs Atkinson, Capt S Gordon, Miss Budgill, Baboo S K Mittra, and 475 Natives.
Per Constance—Mr J P Cassey, and a native cook.

VESSEL SPOKEN.

By Constance—Bolton Abby.

DAILY IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 22.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

India s—27 packages hardware, Mamedally Habuthboy ; 100 boxes bar soap, Hajee Esmal Essul.
Clan Lamont s—7 barrels soda crystals and 6 casks carbolic acid, Rogers and Co ; 12 casks carbolic acid, Amersy Pitamber ; 17 packages glassware, Abdoolally Kharoolabhoy.

FROM LONDON.

Lady Cairns, s—120 boxes candles, Ahmed Moosa.
Cathay s—4 cases printed books, Atmaram Sagoon and Co ; 25 drums linseed oil, Jewabhoy Hydoobhoy.
Singapore s—350 bundles steel, Khimjee Jewa.

FROM GLASGOW.

Sidonian s—20 casks rice bowls, Abdoolally Golamhoosein ; 7 hogsheads earthenware, Jaffer Rahimtoola.

FROM TRIESTE.

Vorwaerts s—83 bales printing papers and 177 cases writing paper, Framjee Ardaseer Davar, 30 bales printing paper and 50 cases writing paper, M Mondolfo and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 20.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

John C Potter, s—41 bales rags, Goculdass Ludha.

FOR LONDON.

Cathay s—537 bales cotton, 54 cases ginger, 7 cases lemon grass oil, 47 bales coir yarn, 6 cases cigar, 452 bags coffee, P and O Co.

FOR ALEXANDRIA.

Sumatra s—19 boxes silver coins (Rs 56,000) David Sassoon and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Assiria s—849½ bags gingelly seed, Lang, Moir and Co ; 650 cwts horns, Volkart Brothers ; 100 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Assiria s—90001 cwts gingelly seed, Volkart Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Geelong s—3,000 baskets. onions, Abdool Baseer ; 1 case shawls, Vussoomul Assoomul ; 31 chests opium, N J Abraham ; 19 chests opium, Hajee Essal Ellias ; 12 chests opium, E J Abraham.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Geelong s—29 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co ; 27 chests opium, E J Abraham ; 34 chests opium, E D Sassoon ; 1 chest opium, Currimbhoy Ebram ; 45½ chests opium. M S Gubbay and Co ; 231 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co ; 51 chests opium, S E Sassoon.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 21st. December 1879.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. 2 a.m., 4 p. m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	29·923
Temperature of the Air	77·4
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69·0
Dew Point	64·7
Relative humidity of Air	662
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded =8)	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.)	87·7
Minimum do. (read at 10 a. m.)	68·4
General Direction of Wind	NE, NNW, N, NNE.
Movement of wind in 24 hours	359

* From midnight to midnight.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 22.

Hamilton, Lieut. A D C, on leave, from Poona.
An extract, Major, A M D, on leave, from Deolalee.
Osborn, Capt, R E, from leave, from England.
Stedley, Surg. Major, A M D, on sick leave, from Moradabad.
Beadnell, Lieut and Adjt, 28th Regt, on sick leave, from Peshawar.
Bayly, Col, R A, on leave, from England.
Butler, Lt, Col, 13th Hus, on sick leave, from Lucknow.
Franklyn, Dy, Surg, Gl, A M D, from Kurrachee.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 22.

Bayly, Capt, R A, on leave, to Poona.
Hamilton, Lt, A D C, to leave for Dwarka.
Caster, Major R E, on furlough to England.
Bayly, Col R A, on leave, to Kirkee.
Butler, Lieut Col, 13th Hus, on sick leave, to England.
Goodfellow, Col, R E, on leave, from England.
Franklyn, Dy, Surg Gl, A M D, on duty, to Deesa.

THE BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

BY LIEUT. COL. COMMANDANT W. S. HEWETT.

Bombay, 22nd December, 1879.

1 No 1062, Vol J A Cameron having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to Letter C Company.
2 Captain Noble is granted leave of absence from the 25th inst. to the 4th prox.
3 The band of the Regiment is granted leave of absence for the 24th and 25th instant.
4 Volunteers attending the excursion to Bhnduop on the 27th inst. can return to Bombay by the train arriving at Sion Bandar at 2 p. m., should they desire to do so.

By Order, F. STOKES,
Captain and Adjutant, Bombay V. R. C.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

COULDREY—FAIRBAIRN—November 26th, at St. Marks, Swindon, in the Abbey of Wilts, by the Hon'ble and Rev. Maurice Ponsonby, M. A., Thomas James Couldrey, of Bombay, to Margaret, second daughter of James Fairbairn, Esq., of Jealburgh, Scotland.

BOMBAY.

[DEATH.

RAFFIN—December 21st, at Cochin, Annette Alexine the beloved wife of Captain P. J. Raffin, and daughter of John D'Silva, Esq., late Sub-Judge and Joint Magistrate, Cochin.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BRADFORD—December 8th, at Ajmore, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel E. R. C. Bradford, of a son.
WOOD—December 14th, at Bellary, the wife of Reverend W. Wace, Chaplain, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BURNE—WEBER—December 17th, at Serampore, Charles Edward Burne, to Annie Alice Mary Gertrude, the only daughter of J. M. Weber.
HARRINGTON.—RUSSELL.—December 11th, at Jhelum, John P. Harrington, Locomotive Department, Punjab Northern State Railway, Jhelum, to Annie, second daughter of Mrs and Mr. Frank Russell, of Retial.
NEWTON—LISSANT—December 18th, at the Old (Mission) Church, Calcutta, Frederick Wilson, second son of the late William Newton (Twickenham and Calcutta) to Eva, second daughter of G. B. Lissant (London).

S. P. G.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the SOCIETY for the PROPAGATION of the GOSPEL in FOREIGN PARTS will be held in the Cathedral High School, Fort, on TUESDAY, the 23rd December, 1879, at 5-30 p.m., when an abstract of the Reports for the current year will be read, and Addresses delivered in connection with the work of the Society.
The Most Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calcutta (Metropolitan) will preside.
The Committee hope that the supporters and friends of the Society, as well as all who are interested in Mission work, will be present.

Bombay, 20th December 1879.

MESSRS. C. MARCKS & Co., of Hummum Street, Bombay, and East Street, Poona, have the pleasure of announcing that MR. A. MENIST, Oculist's Optician, of Amsterdam and London, has APPOINTED them AGENTS for the SALE of his CELEBRATED PEBBLE SPECTACLES, &c., &c.
The reason they have for accepting the Agency is as follows :—Having tried to procure, regardless of expense, in all the CHIEF TOWNS OF ENGLAND AND ALL LARGE CITIES, Pebbles and Frames equal to those produced by Mr. MENIST, AND HAVE TOTALLY FAILED TO APPROACH THEM.
One of the chief essentials in good Spectacles is to place the Pebbles before the eyes in a proper position and at a proper distance according to the particular defect of sights being treated. Ill-made and loosely jointed frames, by causing a displacement of the Pebbles, entirely alter their focal power, and so injure the sight, for this reason Mr. Menist makes his frames of Gold and Silver only, which have been found by experience the best adapted metals for the purpose, possessing the necessary temper, without being liable to oxydize in use. Steel Frames he does not make, considering that they are not calculated to do justice to his Pebbles, and his object being to secure, as nearly as possible perfection, not cheapness, though in a climate like India, it is doubtful if there would be any economy in Steel, as it corrodes so quickly and has to be renewed so often, to say nothing of the discomfort and injury to the sight. Aluminium cannot be used, because it stains the skin by contact, leaving a black mark that will not wash out.
His Non-Pressure Eyeglasses are so well made that you may twist the Spring in any direction without breaking it, neither is there the slightest pressure when wearing, nor the least mark remaining when removed.
His 12-LENSE DUCHESSE, all in Aluminium, are as powerful as Field-Glasses and are all Achromatic.
His Field, Marine, and Opera-Glasses may be used for hours without causing the eye to ache.
Pamphlets can be had on application.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1879.

No storm seems to ruffle the complacent optimism of Sir Stafford Northcote, who, undisturbed by the shameful collapse of Ministerial pretensions to have solved the Afghan question, presumes still to speak of the Treaty of Gandamak as if that compact were not as utterly a dead letter as the Treaty of Amiens. Sir Stafford expresses the conventional belief that British arms will yet triumph at Kabul ; and no doubt we all sincerely hold that belief as an article of faith. But for having this conviction, few of us in India would be able to sleep securely in our beds. But a Ministry which by its bad management exposes the Empire twice or three times in one year to the most deadly peril has no right to felicitate itself on the valour of the British troops who redeem its errors. If General Roberts regains the command of Kabul, it will be in spite, and not because, of the action of the Government. Certainly ; Lord Beaconsfield has had wonderful luck up to this time in getting out of scrapes into which he had fallen through his own rashness ; but he ought not to take to himself the credit of miracles effected in his behalf, or to forget the proverb that the pitches which goes often to the well is broken at last. Every new enterprise in which he engages accumulates fresh financial burdens which oppress and irritate the people ; and, although Mr. Stanhope is justified in affirming that the present condition of Indian finance shows a marked improvement on Sir John Strachey's estimate of last spring, the efforts required to relieve General Roberts and teach the Afghans once for all that the English are their masters will quickly sweep away all our present gains. The cost of the war promises to be all the greater because the infatuated Government of India confines its attention to forcing the Jagdalak Pass with a small relieving column, which will not be strong enough to enable Sir F. Roberts to assume the offensive again with any hope of thoroughly subjugating the country, while the fine army of General Stewart is kept inactive at Kandahar. A Government which blunders in this way is capable of anything, capable even of abandoning an imperial policy altogether and sending instructions to General Roberts to evacuate Afghanistan and have the victorious Afghans masters of the situation.

WHILE congratulating Sir Richard Temple on the sanction accorded by the Viceroy to his pet scheme for the construction of a railway from the Sind frontier into the valley of Pishin—though not yet we are sorry to say, *pace* the *Times of India*, as far as Kandahar—we shall rejoice if His Excellency's attention can be diverted for a week or two from his ambitious design to complete the line to Pishin by next May twelvemonth, and be concentrated on works in which the inhabitants of Bombay are more directly interested. For some time past, possibly on account of the absence of our energetic Governor from the Presidency town, a slight seems to have fallen on the public works of this city. Advertisements have, indeed, at last appeared in the papers stating that the Prince's Dock will be opened for traffic on New Years's Day, some two months after the date originally assigned for the opening ; and we may assume, therefore, that the entrance channel has now been cleared of the sunken rocks which obstructed the approach to the Dock. As, however, the Government has found itself compelled to limit the draught of water of ships entering the Dock to 21 feet, which is less than the ordinary draught of the largest steamers frequenting this port when they have their cargoes on board, the usefulness of the Dock must for the present be restricted, and some months of next year will probably elapse before a notification can be issued that ships of a deeper draught than 21 feet will be admitted to discharge their cargoes in the Dock. But the Port Trustees must be considered to have relatively little to complain of with regard to the completion of this great work, when we look at the extraordinary delays that have taken place in the carrying out of the Municipal drainage and water works. A good many months ago, before Sir Richard Temple went off on his travels for the year 1879, the grand ceremony of opening the Tulsi water works was performed by His Excellency with much solemnity on the top of Malabar Hill. At the magic touch of his hand, the water spouted from a pipe down below in a silvery column nearly as high as the hill, and the champagne foamed in the glasses in emulation of the water. The year, however, is drawing to a close, and one of the main features of the Tulsi scheme, the construction on Malabar Hill of a reservoir in which several days' supply of water for the whole population of the city might be stored, is still conspicuous by its absence. A tank, indeed, has been built ; but in its present condition it will not hold water, and such awkward questions regarding the contract for building it have been raised between the Municipal Commissioner and the Executive Engineer, that it is still doubtful when the work will be finished.

We referred some weeks ago to the grave charges brought by Mr. Grant, the Municipal Commissioner, against Mr. Walton and the whole Engineering Department of the Municipality, for having allowed the contractor for the Malabar Hill reservoir to use prohibited stone in the walls and then paid him for this bad stone the same rate which he would have been entitled under his contract to receive if he had used the best building stone to be found in Bombay. It is now two months since charges directed not so much against the professional capacity as against the personal honour of the employés in the Engineer's Department of the Municipality were laid before the Town Council ; and we must say, in passing, that we believe Mr. Grant had a perfect right, and that his duty in fact required him, to call the attention of the Council to a scandal of a very serious and painful character, though we are at a loss to understand why he allowed the reservoir to be built up before his eyes with the condemned Malabar Hill stone and never noticed what was going on till the walls were nearly finished. But, having formulated his charges, Mr. Grant was bound, we think, to insist on having them submitted to a speedy adjudication. Instead of doing so, he has allowed the business to drag on for two whole months, leaving Mr. Walton all that time in a state of intolerable suspense as to the possible result of inquiries into imputations the most odious that can be cast upon an honourable man. Rumour has it that the Consulting Engineer of the Municipality, to whom the matter was referred for report, has been very dilatory in stating the conclusions at which he has arrived, and his reasons for them ; while another account lays the blame on Mr. Walton of not having been in any hurry to send in his reply to Mr. Forde's report. We have no wish whatever to prejudge the case, or to excuse or attack anyone ; we simply speak in the name of the public who are entitled to demand that something shall be done, without further delay, to either substantiate the charges which have been made or publicly absolve Mr. Walton and his Department from all blame in the matter of the contract for the Malabar Hill Reservoir.

It is the more necessary that the reputation of the Engineer's Department should be vindicated or else a clean sweep be made of the men whose negligence or misconduct has caused the Municipality a serious loss of money on the reservoir, because the Town Council has just resolved to sanction certain contracts for portions of the main drainage works of Bombay. It will not be supposed that we have any wish to delay the execution of works which ought to be now well nigh completed. On the contrary, we regret deeply the waste of two years, in which time nothing more has been done towards constructing a system of sewers for Bombay than the digging of a few holes here and there in different parts of the island But, anxious as we are that Bombay should be properly drained, and that the works should be quickly put in hand, we cannot conceal from ourselves the danger to which the city will be exposed if the contracts are given out at insufficient rates or entrusted to men who are not capable of executing them in a workmanlike and thorough manner. Now it is plain that, if the Municipal Commissioner is right in the opinion he formed two months ago of the Engineer's Department, no reliance whatever can be placed on the recommendations made by the head of that department as to the tenders for drainage works that ought to be accepted by the Town Council. We are sorry to have to use language which may seem to cast any reflection on Mr. Walton ; but we are arguing on the supposition that grave charges affecting his capacity as an engineer if not also his character as a man of honour are still hanging over him, and we say distinctly that the Town Council has no business to sanction any new contract on the advice of its Executive Engineer till this unpleasant reproach on his department has been wiped out. It is surely better to have a question of this kind settled now, than to wait a month or two, and then run the risk of having all Municipal works again suddenly stopped till the Municipal Corporation has decided whether it can or cannot put any trust in its Engineer.

THE AFGHAN QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Your correspondent "Miles," in the letter which appeared in your paper of Saturday, adopts conclusions which appear scarcely warranted by the facts which he brings forward, and which he has evidently taken some pains to collect. In the first place "Miles" supposes a British force to start from Sukkur for Kandahar, thereby leaving behind it a broad unbridged river, and passing over a wild country, a desert, and a range of mountains, of which the inhabitants are a wandering and a ruthless race. Such a picture might perhaps afford an argument for not crossing the river at all. That question, however, has long since been settled for us by Sir Charles Napier, while the fact that a railway is being rapidly constructed towards Kandahar affords good ground for hope that the appliances of civilization will shortly remove, or at least greatly mitigate, the horrors of a march across the region which "Miles" describes as beset with such appalling difficulties. In any case, the occupation of Kandahar is now, like the conquest of Sind, an accomplished fact, and the dangers and hardships of the route will henceforth only be recorded as adding one more achievement to the glorious annals of the Indian army. But the inference which "Miles" seems to draw from the successful occupation of Kandahar is that, having fortunately effected thus much, we should now rest content, and on no account venture further into danger. While frankly admitting the importance of Herat, he thinks that the best thing we can do is to scout the idea of taking possession of it ; and he recommends us to be satisfied with what has been done, and "to cut our coat according to our cloth."

Then, in the same logical style, he goes on to impress upon us the danger of awaiting an enemy on this side of a range of mountains, and calls both ancient and modern history to witness that the only way in which a civilized power can protect its subjects and effectually dispose of a turbulent and savage neighbour is by penetrating into the remotest strongholds of his country, and once for all completely subjugating and occupying the whole length and breadth of the land. What other lesson than this can we draw from the Roman wars, or from the recent events in Algiers and the Caucasus ? To use the very maxim quoted by "Miles" himself, "Pour bien posséder, il faut posséder tout." How, then, is it possible to reconcile these facts of history with the advice which "Miles" would impress upon us—namely, that no further advance should be made ; that we should not attempt to control "the fallen spirits who have taken up their abode at Herat ?" After adducing examples which show as clearly as possible that in all such cases as the present the work must be done completely and thoroughly, or else it will all go for nothing, and inevitably have to be done over again, our would-be teacher solemnly tells us that he thinks we had better stop half way.

Sir, I cannot stand by and see such mischievous twaddle go forth without protesting against it as alike unworthy, unsound, and dangerous. A very formidable task has, by the means of an energetic effort, and, it must be added, by great good fortune, been more than half accomplished ; and with a strong Government, an intelligent people, and a splendid army, a few months of further effort would probably suff

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

SKIRMISHING IN THE JAGDALAK PASS.

JAGDALAK FORT, Dec. 18.

Yesterday Major Kinloch reconnoitred to Katasung and found the villages Sarobi friendly. The mail bags for Kabul have been kept protected by them and brought in here. Lieut. Straghan with forty men reconnoitred the west bank of the Pavichana defile, and was fired on by a party near a small village. The fire was returned and the enemy retreated; Lieutenant Straghan then advanced and burnt the village. No casualties on our side. The enemy fired on our troops at the sangar last evening and wounded one man. To-day a force under Major Bowcroft, consisting of eighty Lancers, 400 infantry, and two mountain guns, proceed towards the Pezwan Kotal. They will probably be met by a force from there and will attack the position if necessary. Large numbers of the enemy were seen yesterday proceeding over the hills south towards Jagdalak Kotal. At 10 a. m., Major Bowcroft arrived at the Kotal and found the hills covered with the enemy in great force, who opened fire. Our mountain guns replied, making good practice. Major Norman with a force from Pezwan arrived yesterday at dusk, and bivouacked in the open, engaging the enemy to-day near the Kotal. To-day Major Macnaughten proceeded to Jagdalak Kotal with a troop consisting of a company of the 9th Lancers and a company of the Goorkhas. On arrival they heard that a strong force of Ghilzais occupied a range of low lying hills, three miles south-west of the Kotal, close to the road. Obtaining a small detachment of Goorkhas and Sappers, he moved out to attack, and found the enemy in considerable numbers on the hills; extended the Goorkhas and 9th Lancers and Sappers, one company each, and kept the remainder and cavalry in reserve. Firing commenced at long range, the main body of the enemy with standard occupied the high hill on the west. On the enemy's skirmishers retiring Major Macnaughten changed front half right, and approaching within five hundred yards, received a heavy fire. The enemy showed in great force, about one thousand five hundred men, Major Macnaughten having only about 200 men. After three hours' firing the troops were withdrawn and retreat covered. Another detachment was sent out for the purpose from the Kotal. The Ghilzai commander is supposed to be Mansula Khan, who appeared with standard, and was seen encouraging the men. One Goorkha was wounded. Arm of one man of the 9th Lancers wounded. The enemy remained in their original position, sending occasional reinforcements and their skirmishers retiring. The reinforcement from Jellalabad under Major Thackeray afterwards burnt the village of Gunzai. The enemy attacked the Jagdalak Kotal post last night, but retired after an hour's firing. The enemy is now being attacked by the men sent with convoy by General Gough. The Pioneer's reports dated the 20th from the front say all is well from Jagdalak, to Peswan, and tribal co-operation from Jellalabad is reported.

(FROM THE PRESS COMMISSIONER.)

LATEST NEWS FROM GENERAL BRIGHT.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

General Bright telegraphs from Jallalabad on the 21st that 350 men of the 25th Regiment, detail of artillery and detachment 22nd P. I., escort ammunition, are pushing on to Dakka. The head-quarters of the 17th B. C. reached Basawal on the 20th; a company of Madras Sappers reaching there on the 21st and remain for work with the head-quarters. The 22nd P. I. reached Jallalabad on the 21st with a company of the 27th P. I. to relieve a company of the 45th Sikhs advancing to Gandamak. The head-quarters of the 12th Regiment and four guns were to reach Jallalabad on the 21st, and the guns go on to Gandamak on the rumoured gathering of Mohmunds about Dakka. Colonel Boisragon has been ordered to retain two guns in addition to the Royal Horse Artillery guns he has and a detachment of the 22nd P. I.

ATTACK ON GENERAL GOUGH'S POSTS.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

General Gough reports his posts had been attacked and his communications harassed by Asmatoollah and the Ghilzais, necessitating some fighting along his line, but they had been driven off with some loss, and he hoped they were dispersing. His casualties were one man mortally, 15 severely, and few slightly wounded. It is rumoured that Asmatoollah was wounded in the recent attack on General Gough's posts. From camp Sperkwait, beyond Thull, dated Thull 21st, it is reported that the Alisherzais and Mamuzais will pay a fine of four thousand rupees each, meanwhile giving hostages. Both Jirgas accompany the force to Thull. The force was to march to Chinarak on the 21st after blowing up two large towers at Sperkwait. The Orakzai forces dispersed at once on the submission of the Jirgas.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(*By Red Sea Cable.*)

SPEECH BY SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

At a Conservative demonstration held at Leeds, Sir Stafford Northcote (Chancellor of the Exchequer) made a long speech in which he exposed the fallacy of Mr. Gladstone's late financial comparisons. With respect to the policy of Great Britain in Afghanistan Sir Stafford said that it was not a policy of annexation, but of defence, tranquilising to India and relieving future anxieties. The maintenance of Afghan power would interpose between us and any foreign approach to our Indian frontier, and therefore we had no option but to carry out our enterprise in that direction. Recent events, he said, do not affect the principles of the Treaty of Gandamak. Sir Stafford concluded by saying that both the Indian and Home Governments were doing everything to promote the success of British arms and would keep nothing concealed from the public.

SPEECH BY MR. STANHOPE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Mr. Stanhope (Under Secretary for India) also made a speech, in which he said there was nothing in connection with Indian finance to cause alarm. In reference to Afghan affairs he eulogised the conduct of our gallant army now contending against such enormous odds at Kabul, and said he felt no fear as regards the ultimate result of the contest.

DEFEAT OF SECOCOENI.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Latest advices from Capetown state that the British have captured Secocoeni's stronghold. The British loss in storming the position included two officers killed and four wounded.

RESIGNATION OF THE FRENCH MINISTRY.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

The French Ministry has resigned, and M. de Freycinet, late Minister for Public Works, has accepted the task of forming a new one.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20

The Anchor Line steamer Castalia left for Bombay yesterday.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Bombay Mails of the 1st inst., via Brindisi, were delivered in London to-day.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed quiet. Surats unchanged.

Fair Dholl-ra	5 9-16
Exchange on India, 60 days' sight	1-8½
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	77½
4½ do. do.	84½
3 per cent. Consols for account	97½
5 per cent. French Rentes, 1872	115
Bar Silver	52⅜

Departure—Chumna, Manilla, and Clan Alpine.

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, Dec. 22, 7 P.M.

French mail steamer Mulnam from Calcutta arrived.

MADRAS, Dec. 22, 7-35 A.M.

I. G. steamer Tenasserim left for Bombay 5 45 p.m., to-day.

RATE OF EXCHANGE ON LONDON.

Bank Bills, on demand	1s. 8 7-32d.	per Rupee.
Do. 3 months' sight	1s. 8 11-32d.	,,
Credits 3 ,, ,,	1s. 8¼d.	,,
Documents 3 ,, ,,	1s. 8 9-16d.	,,
France 3 ,, ,,	2-16	,,

THERE are certain matters about which people prefer not to speak, and the consequence of this *mauvaise honte* sometimes is that physical or moral corruption is allowed to spread until its extirpation becomes a task of great difficulty. It is, however, the duty of a public journal to call attention to an evil when it exists, and it is equally the duty of Government to check crime and disease. We are not aware for what reason the operation of the Contagious Diseases Act has been suspended in Bombay, but its rigorous application was never more urgently called for than at the present time. The fact that Bombay is not only a large commercial port but a naval station and garrison town as well should be sufficient, one might suppose, to cause the authorities to exercise proper vigilance. We trust they will rouse themselves from the lethargy into which they appear to have lapsed and give this matter the early attention which it requires.

THE High Court have on appeal confirmed the sentence of transportation for life passed upon Wasudeo Bulwunt Phadke by Mr. Newnham, Sessions Judge of Poona, in the beginning of last month. The convict sent to the court an unusually long petition in the vernacular from the Thana jail, and his vakil presented to Mr. Justice Pinhey and Mr. Justice F. D. Melvill on the 18th inst. a supplemental petition, praying that the record and proceedings in the case might be called for, and the conviction reversed or the sentence mitigated. The trial having taken place before a jury, the court was precluded from going into the facts of the case; and the only point of law urged by the prisoner's vakil in mitigation of sentence, was that the judge had, in charging the jury, expressed an opinion as to the prisoner's guilt. Mr. Justice Pinhey remarked that it was the practice of some judges to do so, and that there is no law which renders such practice illegal. Their Lordships saw no reason whatever to send for the record and proceedings; and the petition was rejected.

WE understand that a field battery from Jullundur will relieve a battery at Meean Meer, which will proceed towards Peshawur without delay.

MR. LEPEL GRIFFIN has returned from Kapurthalla very much improved in health, and will probably resume his duties at once.

ONE hundred mules purchased by Major Probyn in Persia have arrived at Kurrachee in the steamer Agra from Bushire. Thirty-three of these are for the artillery and sixty-seven for the transport train. They will leave Kurrachee by train for Jhelum in a few days.

THE Sir Desai of Sawantwari, the young chief who is about to espouse the Princess Tarabai, of Baroda, arrived at Baroda on the 15th inst. He travelled by special train, and was accompanied by Colonel Westropp, Political Officer at Sawantwari, a guard of his own troops, and about three hundred of his principal subjects. His Highness the Gaikwar, the Dewan Saheb, Sir T. Madhavarao, K. C. S. I., Khan Bahadur Kazi Shahabudin, Khan Bahadur Pestonjee Jehanghirjee, Rao Bahadur Venayekrao Kistance, and a large number of other Baroda dignitaries assembled at the station to receive the bridegroom elect. On alighting from his carriage, the Sir Desai was taken by the hand by the Gaikwar, and conducted to the refreshment room, where he was introduced to Dr. Atkins, who attended on behalf of the Residency, and other gentlemen. From the station the Sir Desai drove to the Moti Bagh, where he will reside during his stay in Baroda; Colonel Westropp went to the Residency. A salute of nine guns was fired, and there were other observances in honour of the Sir Desai's arrival. At the city gate a pretty triumphal arch had been erected, with a Sanscrit inscription wishing him "Welcome" and "Happiness," and at the entrance to the Moti Bagh was another arch, bearing on one side the greeting "Welcome," and on the reverse the prayer "May thy Life be Happy." A great number of people turned out to see the young chief, whose appearance was marked by favourable demonstrations on all hands.

THE Lahore paper is informed by a correspondent at Kohat, that the extraordinary incident of a medical officer firing at a gentleman with whom he was conversing, which was reported from Peshawur, occurred at Kohat on the 11th instant.

ON Friday last the Collector of Bombay made his award of eight lakhs of rupees in Port Trust bonds, bearing interest at 4 per cent per annum, for the Frere Land and Peir Company's bandar taken under the Land Acquisition Act; and yesterday morning the Port Trust took charge of the same.

AN unfortunate carriage accident occurred the other day at Baroda. Major and Mrs. Nutt were out driving, when the off rein broke and the horses bolted. The gentleman jumped out of the carriage with a view to getting to the horses' heads and stopping them, but fell in making the attempt, and the wheel passed over him. Mrs. Nutt displayed great presence of mind in this emergency. She seized the near side rein, which remained intact, and turned the horses against a steep bank, thus effectually stopping them without further damage. Major Nutt had one of his legs rather seriously injured above the knee, and is confined to his room. It is feared the accident will prevent the delivery of certain lectures on "ploughing" and "soils" by Major Nutt, which were included in the programme of the Agricultural Show, which forms one of the chief features in the Baroda festivities. Major Nutt, it will be remembered, delivered a very instructive lecture on agriculture at the Bhavnagar Show some time since.

THE good example set by the Postal authorities in undertaking to carry small packages containing warm clothing sent as gifts to troops in Afghanistan, free, has been followed by the E. I. Ry. Co. The Company have made a concession in respect of charges on packages marked as containing warm clothing for troops at the front, a nominal rate of eight annas per maund having been fixed for their conveyance by rail from Howrah to Ghaziabad.

THERE will be a partial eclipse of the moon on the night of the 28th instant, visible in Bombay. It will commence a little before 8 p. m., and last till near 11 p. m. It will be only very partial, no more than 0·167th of the moon's diameter—about say one-sixth—being obscured. It will be a telescopic eclipe, and we commend its observation to those possessed of good glasses. An ordinary "day and night" one will suffice for the purpose.

ANOTHER instance of Madras benightedness. In September, 1873, the Government of India, under instructions from the Secretary of State, called upon the Governments of Madras and Bombay to write a record of the services of the Native Army of their respective Presidencies. The Madras Government appointed the late Col. R. S. Wilson, then Chepauk Agent, to write the History, and permitted him to draw, while on this duty, Rs. 120 a month as Presidency House rent. Col. Wilson was allowed a small establishment to assist him, and it was understood that the work should not take up more than two years. About the middle of 1874 Colonel Wilson died, and the Madras Government appointed his brother Colonel W. J. Wilson, late Inspector General of Jails, to finish the compilation. This latter officer is still employed on the work. The Government of India have at last thought fit, after the lapse of six years, to inquire when it is likely that Col. Wilson will complete this compilation, which is costing the Government a pretty good bit of money. The Government of India have further requested to be informed what is the actual amount of money disbursed during Col. Wilson's employment on this special duty with a view of valuing the work when completed. The histories of the Bengal and Bombay armies were received by the Secretary of State at the India Office three years ago, and it is a matter for both the public and the Government of Madras to know what Col. Wilson has been doing all this while.

THE Lahore paper complains of bungling both on the part of Government and the General in Afghanistan. He remarks:—The present rising in Afghanistan is that of an invaded country against the invader. To style it an "insurrection" is as misleading as it is untrue. The Afghans have not made war in the way in which our Government and Generals apparently expected, and such of their troops as are organized in a manner approaching to our system, have been easily beaten in the field by our own. But as the entire male population of Afghanistan consist of fighting men in the strict acceptation of the term, we are, and have been, engaged in a conflict *a outrance* with a nation which is in fact an army. An army, which, however differently constituted from our standard of excellence, and however inferior as compared with our guns, item by item, is nevertheless extremely formidable from its excessive superiority in numbers, and from its mobility in a country exceedingly difficult for our more civilised troops to work in and exceedingly well adapted for defence irregular but stubborn. It is quite clear from the published accounts of the last week's campaign that both these advantages of the enemy have been quite under-estimated by our generals in the field, as by the Government which sent them forward.

CAPTAIN A. C. POLE, of the 13th Hussars, died at Lucknow on Saturday last, of typhoid fever, which is at present very prevalent in the cantonment.

THE Panjab Northern State Railway is now open for traffic to Ratyal, to which station the trains run from Jhelum in a little more than an hour.

ANOTHER serious block of military stores and ammunition is reported by the *Englishman* to have occurred at Jhilam. The Government bullock train thence to Peshawar appears quite unequal to the continued strain upon it, and there is no proper shelter at Jhelum for the material awaiting transport to the front.

SATISFACTORY accounts of the new indigo crop come from Calcutta. Messrs. Moran and Co.'s indigo report of the 20th inst. says:—"We have now seen several parcels of well-known marks, both from Bengal and Behar, and have no hesitation in expressing an opinion that the quality of the indigo from Tirhoot and Champarun is most satisfactory, and generally above the average of former years, whilst the Bengal marks are of fair quality, and from the North-West several very good and desirable parcels have been received."

MESSRS. BINNY & Co., the Madras Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, have informed a local paper that the S. S. Eldorado, which recently had to put into Plymouth, disabled by heavy gale in the Bay of Biscay, sailed from Plymouth for Madras and Calcutta on the 12th instant.

ON the return of General Tytler's force from the Zaimukht country, it is expected that his headquarters will be established at Thull for some time. The news from Kabul will undoubtedly cause some excitement among the Waziris in common with the other tribes generally, and it cannot be found practicable to weaken the force which will have the work of keeping order in the Kurrum valley.

KURRACHEE is looking forward to taking advantage of the completed railway to enabling her to develop a trade in many things with Lahore, and amongst others in oysters. There are extensive oyster beds near Kurrachee, from which very good specimens of the luscious bivalve are obtained.

A MR. BARKER, a clerk on board the B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Punjaub, threw himself overboard last Wednesday night, when the vessel was leaving Kurrachee, and was drowned.

THE much talked of improved water supply for Kurrachee gives some promise at last of becoming before long an accomplished fact. The Municipality on Wednesday last accepted tenders for carrying out the scheme, and the work is to be commenced at once.

MR. MANCE, electrician to the Indo-European Telegraph, has returned to Kurrachee after repairing two faults in the cable, one opposite Linga, the other about twenty-seven miles from Bushire. It is stated that the new cable is to be made at Kurrachee, the gutta-percha being all in stock, and the renewal is to take place by laying down a new piece every year, so that the old one will be gradually replaced at no exhorbitant expense and without interruption. A new factory for the manufacture of cable materials is to be built shortly at Manora.

H. M.'s GUN-BOAT READY is at Muscat, and is reported to be unable to get away thence for want of coals, which are not to be had there. Who is to blame for this? The object of keeping one of Her Majesty's vessels of war in this Gulf can scarcely be to have her laid up and unfit for service at Muscat.

CALCUTTA, having failed to make a tram car system with horse power a success, is desirous of giving a steam tramway a trial, and at the last meeting of the Legislative Council of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal a bill was introduced "to authorise the making and to regulate the working of street tramways in the city." The local *Mirror*, discussing the new project, attributes the failure of the previous tramway system to "undue interference of the Government," and expresses a hope that the Municipal Commissioners will "take care to guard the present scheme from the same dangers which wrecked the last speculation."

RECENT accounts from Darjeeling represent the weather as very cold there. "Thick ice every morning," says a correspondent, "has taken the place of frost."

A MOST stupid mistake, which was attended by a fatal result, was made by a medical subordinate at Badesh Khejl the other day. The medico gave a sick sepoy carbolic acid for cough mixture.

A RIFT friendship appears to be forming between the Maharajas Sindia and Holkar. The recent visit of His Highness of Gwalior to Indore has been followed by the entertainment by Sindia of the two sons of Holkar at his capital. The Indore princes were at Gwalior when the Viceroy reached that place, and, on the occasion of the grand dinner given by Sindia to His Excellency, they presented Lord Lytton with a telegram from their father, in which Holkar begged to unite his own congratulations with those of Sindia on the arrival of the Viceroy in the capital of the first Maratha State in India.

THE Persian Gulf is noted amongst Anglo-Indians who have been there for the coldness of the climate generally at this season of the year. But there, as elsewhere, apparently "the old order changeth, giving place to new," and we learn that the "cold weather" so far has been of a very mild description and is expected to continue warm until rain falls. The same informant tells us that "The want of rain is causing great apprehension of famine both there and at Bussorah. All the crops are parched up, and unless there come a speedy fall, will be more or less ruined. Similar apprehensions were entertained last year, but the rain came in time. Let us hope that it will be so this one also."

THE forest reports for the year 1878-79 relating to Bengal, British Burma, and Coorg have been issued. The first contains, as usual, much that is interesting. The amount of reserve is 2,967 square miles, being about 500 less than last year. This difference is not real, a technical objection being raised to about 400 acres in Singbhoom being included this year. This will be put right next season. One of the most useful works performed by this department is the making of roads and bridges, and while these are primarily made with a view to furthering departmental interests, they cannot fail to be of advantage to all within their reach. During the year 207 acres of new plantation were added, bringing the total up to over 800 acres. This consists of oaks, chestnuts, and walnut in the hilly districts of Darjeeling, and teak, toon, sissoo, and sal in the plains. The financial results during the year are satisfactory, the expenditure having amounted to Rs. 3,38,675, against receipts amounting to Rs. 4,16,027, showing a surplus of Rs. 77,352. In British Burma the area reserved amounts to 1,410 square miles, 760 of which were added during the year under notice. Efforts are being made to keep up the forests by judicious planting of seed, principally teak, of which Burma is the habitat. While speaking hopefully of the year's results, the Conservator, Major Leaton, has to lament the murder of Mr. C. F. Nepean, who fell a victim to Karen cruelty on Christmas eve of last year, and, in passing, a well-merited eulogium is paid to his memory. The end-all of these departments—the financial statement—shows well, the expenditure having been Rs. 7,18,401, against an income of Rs. 11,37,562, showing a surplus of Rs. 4,19,161. The report for Coorg is a model of conciseness. The area of reserved forests is 295 square miles, there having been no change since the last report was published. The experiments made with the *Pithecolobium saman* plants have been thoroughly successful. The financial results are so far satisfactory, there being a surplus of Rs. 17,191.

THE Committee appointed in January, 1878, to consider what measures it was desirable to take for the establishment of a technical school to be connected with the workshops of the Public Works Department in the Bengal Presidency, have lately submitted their report, which is reviewed at length in the last issue of the *Gazette*. The Committee unanimously recommend that the Civil Engineering branch of the Presidency College be incorporated with the proposed institution, the whole to form one great technical school for the training of engineers and mechanics; but that the theoretical and practical branches should be under entirely independent management,—the control of the former resting with the Educational Department, and the supervision of the latter with the D. P. W. Arrangements are in progress for the purchase of premises at Seabpore on the river bank, and already workshops have been constructed there. In regard to the organization of the proposed institution, the Committee recommend that at first the following four classes of pupils should be trained:—

(1) Civil engineers, (3) Civil overseers.
(2) Mechanical engineers, (4) Mechanical overseers.

and that a fifth class for draftsmen and a sixth for the improvement of skilled workmen, corresponding to the *mistry* class at Roorkee, and to Colonel Hyde's class at the Mint, might be usefully established. That pupils for the two higher classes should be admitted up to the age of 19 on producing a certificate of having passed the University Entrance examination; that for the third class they should enter between the ages of 15 and 17, and for the fourth class up to 16; but that the restriction as to age should be relaxed on sufficient cause being shown. The course for civil engineers will include pure and applied mathemetics, physics, drawing, architecture and surveying and engineering; that for mechanical engineers will be the same, except that mechanism will be substituted for architecture and surveying. The Committee also recommend that the term of years for the full course should be five years for all classes. With regard to mechanical overseers it is pointed out that as the Board of Trade regulations require that every person who is employed as an engineer on a steamer shall have served a full term of apprenticeship to his trade, it will be necessary to provide that the students in this class should be apprenticed to the superintendent of the workshops, and be subject to all the legal conditions relating to apprentices. The Lieutenant-Governor approves of the recommendation of the Committee, but would, in addition, form a small vernacular class for the sons of artisans, who would also work regularly in the shops.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

EXCERPTS from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on the 18th instant.

Read letter from the Resident Engineer, dated 3rd instant, recommending the provision of skids, gangways, stages and dust-bins for the Prince's Dock as follows:—

6 Skids, estimated cost	Rs.	34	Rs. 204
4 Gangways	,,	77	,, 308
6 Stages	,,	185	,, 1,110
10 Dust-bins	,,	49	,, 490
			Rs. 2,112

Read minutes of members of Dock Committee. Resolution.—Sanctioned as proposed by Resident Engineer; the cost to be charged to dock revenue.

Read letter from the Resident Engineer, dated 10th instant, asking permission to accept the tender of the Bombay Gas Company for lighting the Prince's Dock on the following terms:—(1.) All lamps connected directly with the main to be charged at the rate of Rs. 80 per lamp per annum; to include lighting, cleaning, painting, and ordinary repairs; the lamps to burn for the same hours as the Municipal lamps. (2.) The arrangement to last during Trustees' pleasure; any lamps not lighted for the full number of hours to be charged a rate proportionately less than the amount above stated. Resolution.—Sanctioned.

Read letter from the Port Officer, dated 12th instant, submitting a list of stores and articles required for use at the Prince's Dock. Read minutes by Dock Committee. They consider that the requirements of the Port Officer are moderate, and that he should be authorised to purchase the articles named in his list. Resolution.—Sanctioned, chargeable to dock revenue.

Read further report by the Resident Engineer, dated 6th instant, regarding the clearing of the dock channel, Read minutes by members of Dock Committee. Resolution.—Copy of the Resident Engineer's report should be forwarded to Government.

Bombay Port Trust Engineer's Office,
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 6th December, 1879.
No. 1807.

To the Secretary, Bombay Port Trust.

SIR,—In compliance with the request contained in your memo. No. 1807 of 22nd Nov. 1879, I beg to make the following report:—

The dredger did not complete her work on the hard material in front of the northern entrance till the morning of the 12th ultimo. During the rest of that day and on the 13th a very careful survey was made of this portion of the channel, and the accompanying plan No. 1808-C2 shows the various tints the successive heights of hard stuff 57·00 on T. H. Datum, or channel level corrected to the 31st for the portions operated over by the divers during the month.

It will be observed that very considerable progress has been made and a large proportion of the obstruction cleared. About 950 tons of rock have been raised by divers; 800 tons of this is reef rock and the remainder of trap boulders which overlie the reefs. It will also be seen that, except a small patch marked c no portion of the reef is higher than 59.00 on T. H. Datum, or 24 *feet* under high water, ordinary neaps, and even of that there is a very small area.

Since the 14th ultimo boring barges have been working on patches a' and c a' was nearly completed, and c will take about 10 days more or so. The first patch is composed of mooram, boulders, and reef rock, and the other of solid trap.

Dynamite is used in all cases where the drill holes are in solid rock.

The divers have done excellent work, and if the present rate of progress is maintained I hope to have the rock all cleared away by the end of this month.

With reference to the requisition contained in the accompanying Government Resolution No. 852 in the Marine Department, dated 19th November, 1879, I would respectfully state that it will be very inconvenient to furnish fortnightly reports showing the progress made in clearing the channel, as from the difficulties in the way of making accurate surveys in such a depth of water and in such swift currents the reports will not have the same relative values as for the longer periods, and the work will also be delayed. I hope therefore that the present arrangements of reporting monthly may be allowed to stand,—I have, &c.

GEO. E. ORMISTON, Resident Engineer.

Submitted the Port and Pilotage Rules from No. 67 to the end as amended by the Special Committee appointed by Trustees on 27th November last.

REPORT OF HARBOUR AND PILOTAGE COMMITTEE.

Government having by their Resolution No. 551, dated 21st July, approved of the changes proposed by the Trustees to be made in the existing Pilotage scheme, an amended set of Rules has been prepared, dealing not only with the duties of the Harbour Masters and Pilots, but also with their pay and pensions. These are now submitted to the Trustees for sanction.

It has been thought desirable in some things to make the rules for the guidance of the Pilots more minute than those hitherto in force.

The Trustees have already approved of the principle that the Pilots should have pensions, and should be paid allowances when absent on sick leave, but they have not determined the scale on which such pensions and allowances should be paid. In the absence of any decision upon that point, the Committee have fallen back upon the idea originally broached of setting aside 10 per cent of the gross Pilotage receipts to form a Pension and Leave Allowance Fund. From statistics which they made, they found that it would take until the end of the year for an Actuary to report on the adequacy of this percentage to meet Pensions and Leave Allowances at the rates which the Committee propose to pay, and that the charge for making the report would be Rs. 1,000. The Committee did not consider it desirable to delay the introduction of the new Rules for so long. They have accordingly fixed the rates of Pension and the Leave Allowances on a moderate scale, and they consider that the Trustees would be justified in adopting as, from 1st November, leaving it to experience to show whether the fund will suffice to meet all the claims upon it or not. The Committee are of opinion that, on the one hand, the estimated pay of the Pilots has been fixed at as low a limit as is consistent with a reasonable probability of obtaining good men, and that, on the other hand, the pensions proposed cannot be considered too liberal.

No Rules have been made for the working of a Provident Fund; the Committee think it to be more expedient that opportunity should be given to the Pilots to take the initiative with regard to it themselves.

G. O'BRIEN OAKEW, Chairman.
M. MOWAT.
W. A. BAKER.

Bombay, 22nd September 1879.

PORT AND PILOTAGE RULES.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The direction and management of the Port, Pilotage and Docks under the control of the Trustees of the Port are vested in the Port Officer.

2. The First Assistant shall be the Deputy to the Port Officer for the performance of all the duties appertaining to the office in regard to the Port and Pilotage Departments.

3. There shall be also a Dock Master, who shall be under the control of the Port Officer, and shall have the rank of Second Assistant Port Officer.

4. There shall be three Officers to be styled Harbour Masters, whose duties shall be to carry out all the details of the duties under the orders of the Port Officer and his Assistants.

They shall be stationed as follows:—

One at the Port Office, which shall be styled No. 1 Station.

One at the Prince's Dock, to be styled No. 2 Station.

One in charge of the Pilot Schooner to be styled No. 3 or the Outer Station.

DUTIES OF HARBOUR MASTERS.

5. At No. 1 Station.—He shall see that all vessels are properly berthed and moored in the Harbour, and transport such vessels as may be ordered. He shall have the care and inspection of the Light Ships, the Anchor Hoy and all other vessels, boats and the buoys of the Department, and personally superintend and measuring duties. In the event of fire he shall attend at the spot thereof with all unemployed Pilots, who are to place themselves under his orders, to render assistance; and under the Port Officer shall have charge of the general conservancy of the Harbour.

6. At No. 2 Station.—He will, under the orders of the Dock Master, have the control of the positions in which vessels are to be anchored off the Dock Channel and over the approaches to the Dock. He will conduct and direct the vessels from the Harbour through the channel to and from the Docks, and assist in Docking and Undocking vessels, and superintend placing them in their allotted berths. He will superintend all the arrangements, and also prepare and provide all warps, ropes, fenders, rags, boats and other appliances in readiness for Docking and Undocking vessels.

7. At the Outer or No. 3 Station.—He shall have charge of the Schooner and the control of the Tender Vessel and Pilots at the Outer Station; and is responsible and use his utmost endeavours to supply Pilots to in-bound and to receive Pilots from out-bound vessels. He will keep each complement of Pilots on board the Schooner as may be ordered from time to time, and arrange for the return to the harbour of others not required. He will remain on his station for such periods as may be ordered, leaving it (unless under exceptional circumstances) only when relieved by another Harbour Master in the Fair season, or during the S. W. Monsoon when relieved by another vessel.

8. Each Harbour Master will keep a Journal or Diary of his daily employment, which shall be submitted for the inspection of the Port Officer on each occasion of the Harbour Master taking up the duties at No. 1 Station, or whenever called for.

9. The Harbour Master shall undertake the duties at each of the Stations in rotation for such periods as may from time to time be ordered by the Port Officer.

"SECTION 72 OF ACT VI.—THE BOMBAY PORT TRUST ACT OF 1879."

10. "The Board shall have the right and privilege of maintaining Pilots for the navigation of vessels at the Port; and all fees for Pilotage shall be paid to the Board: Provided that no person shall be appointed to be a Pilot by the Board who is not for the time being authorised by Government under the provisions of the Indian Ports Act, 1875, to pilot vessels.

"The Board may also, from time to time, make such Bye-laws and Regulations as they shall think fit:

"(a) For fixing and regulating the wages and allowances for Pilotage to be received by Pilots; and

"(b) for regulating the behaviour and conduct of Pilots; and shall inforce the observance of such Bye-laws and Regulations, by the imposition of pecuniary penalties not exceeding two hundred rupees for each offence, or by suspension or deprivation of appointment or otherwise as to them may appear expedient: provided that such Bye-laws shall first have been approved by Government and published in the manner directed by Section 74."

PILOT VESSELS.

11. The Trustees shall provide and maintain such Schooners and other vessels for conveying Pilots to and from inward and outward bound vessels, as they may from time to time consider to be necessary.

12. Such crews as the Trustees consider to be necessary for the working of the Pilot vessels shall be provided by and at the expense of the Trustees.

13. The Pilot Schooner, which shall be painted a black colour outside, except a ribbon or band 2 inches wide close above the covering board, and the number in large figures on each bow, which shall be painted white, shall cruise between the Outer Floating Light Ship bearing S. E. 2 miles and the Island of Kundaree bearing S. E. 5 miles, and the position between these bearings shall be known as the Outer Station.

14. A Log or Journal, supervised and countersigned daily by the Harbour Master in charge, shall be kept on board each Pilot Schooner when working; the following entries are to be carefully made therein every four hours when at the Outer Station, and shall be verified by the signature of each Pilot at the end of his watch' viz:—

The state of the Weather.
The direction and force of the Wind and Currents.
The readings of the Barometer and Thermometer.
The bearings and estimated distance of the Outer Light Ship.
The depth of water the Schooner is in, and whether she is underweigh or at anchor.
The time of sighting a vessel and the bearing; when and where the Pilot was placed on board.
The time and position when a Pilot leaves an out-bound vessel, and when received on board.
The time of receiving on board Pilots from the Inner Station, or the despatch of excess Pilots to the shore, and all signals to shipping or signal station.

This Log shall be forwarded to the Port Officer for inspection immediately after each cruise in the S. W. Monsoon, and at such intervals during the Fair season as may be ordered.

15. When the Schooner at the Outer Station shall fail to supply an inward-bound vessel with a Pilot outside the limits of the Port, and such inward-bound vessel shall be supplied from the shore or elsewhere before reaching the Dock Channel Inner Light, the Pilot shall only receive (for division into shares) one-half of the sum they would have been entitled to had such vessel been piloted in from beyond Port limits.

16. When an inward-bound vessel shall not be supplied with a Pilot until inside the Sunk Rock Light, only one third of the money they would have been entitled to had the vessel been boarded outside Port Limits shall be given to the Pilots.

17. Should the Schooner be within moderate distance of an inward-bound vessel and offer a Pilot, then the Pilots shall receive the same share as they would have received had a Pilot been put on board in that position.

PILOT SERVICE.

18. The Pilot Service shall consist of 15 Licensed Pilots, viz:—

5 First Grade Pilots
5 Second do do.
5 Third do do.

19. All Pilots shall hold licenses to perform the duties of a Pilot for the Port of Bombay for the grade they may be serving in which shall be issued under the signature and seal and be revocable at the order of the Trustees of the Port.

20. The fee for a Pilot licence on first appointment, shall be Rs. 15, and for the renewal thereof in case of loss, or promotion to a higher grade, shall be Rs. 5.

21. No licence shall be renewed, nor another issued to any Pilot until after the former one has been returned and cancelled, or its loss has been satisfactorily explained.

22. Promotion to the various grades will generally be given by seniority, but the Trustees reserve to themselves the right of passing over any Pilot.

23. During the absence from any cause for more than one month of one or more Pilots on the permanent list, the trustees may appoint a like number of Probationers who shall have passed the examination prescribed by clause 27, to be Acting Pilots. So long as such Probationers shall remain Acting Pilots they shall receive the pay of the class of the Pilots in which they may be acting, and shall otherwise be amenable to the rules laid down for observance by Pilots.

PROBATIONERS FOR THE PILOT SERVICE.

24. Such number of Probationers, not exceeding four, may be entertained as may from time to time be considered necessary.

25. To be eligible for admission to the Pilot Service, Candidates must be British subjects, and at least 21 years of age. They must hold certificates of good conduct, character and ability, and must undergo an examination by and produce a certificate from the Medical Officer appointed by the Trustees that they are physically fit and are of a sufficiently hardy or strong constitution to perform a Pilot's duty, and that they to all appearance enjoy good health.

26. The Port Officer shall have the appointment of Probationers, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

27. Any Probationer may, with the sanction of the Port Officer, go before the Examining Committee, and if he passes he will be eligible for appointment as a Third Grade Pilot when a vacancy occurs.

28. A Probationer not passing the required examination to qualify for performing a Pilot's duties within 6 months after the date of his appointment shall be liable to be struck off the list.

EXAMINATION BOARD.

29. The Examiners of Pilot shall be—
The Port Officer or one of his Assistants.
One Harbour Master.
One First or Second Grade Pilot.
Lloyd's Marine Surveyor (who shall receive a fee of one gold Mohur for each Pilot examined.)

GENERAL RULES.

30. As all the various duties connected with the Department cannot be completely detailed in these Regulations, it is hereby directed that every verbal order or attention given by the Port Officers and Officers of his Department be promptly attended to and carried into effect by the Pilots, who will be careful to conform to and to make themselves acquainted with all Circulars and Orders issued from time to time for guidance in connection with their duties.

31. No Pilot shall absent himself from his station or from his duty without permission, except in case of sickness, which shall be reported without delay, accompanied by a certificate from a qualified Medical Officer approved by the Trustees.

32. An officer will be appointed by the Trustees to afford medical aid to Harbour Masters, Pilots and Probationers free of charge.

33. When Pilots are on board the Schooners they shall be under the authority of the Harbour Master in charge, and they must pay strict attention to any lawful order he may give, whether as to taking their turn at working the Schooner at which they must assist or as to boarding vessels.

34. Pilots returning from the performance of any duty will, if between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M., report themselves personally to the Assistant Port Officer, and enter their names and the time of landing in a book kept for that purpose; all unemployed Pilots will attend the Office between 10 to 11 A. M. and from 4 to 5 P. M. daily for any orders.

35. Pilots shall conduct themselves on all occasions in an orderly and civil manner; when in charge of vessels they should meet them on the outside unless the state of the vessel is not involved thereby, or will not lead to inconvenience, nor to the infringement of orders received from the Department.

36. When on duty Pilots shall wear a uniform dress, consisting of a double-breasted white or blue cloth or serge coat, to button if required close up to the throat, by two rows of Bombay Port Trust pattren buttons of four in each row; with blue cloth or serge or white trousers. If a cap be worn, it shall be of the round crown Navy pattern, with drooping peak, surrounded by a mohair band and the Bombay Port Trust badge in front.

37. Pilots should invariably appear respectably and neatly dressed.

38. Each Pilot shall provide himself, have with him, and produce, when necessary or deman

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